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APPLICATION OF)
LEONID N. SHEKHTER, ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1742
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/849,717) EXAMINER: G.P. WYSZOMIERSKI
FILED: MAY 4, 2001)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Amendment filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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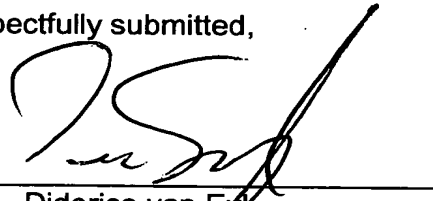
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